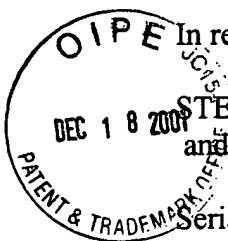


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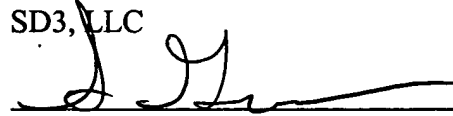
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Austrian-German Patent No. 76186 – This patent appears to describe a light sensor-based safety system for a band saw, as illustrated in the figures.

Swiss Patent No. 297525 – This patent appears to describe a press with a light curtain to detect misplacement of hands, as illustrated in the figures.

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